

# Fancy a game?

1. Say which of the board games below you have played, who you have played them with and how difficult you think they are.



chess



Monopoly



Scrabble

2. Look at the sentences and decide whether they describe chess, Monopoly or Scrabble.

- Players create words using letters.
- The pieces have different shapes, like a top hat, a car, an iron, a boot.
- The goal is to score more points than other players.
- The goal is to attack the opponent's king so that it cannot move.
- Players roll the dice and move forward on the board.
- It can only be played by two people.

3. Answer the questions about the games. If you don't know the answer, guess.

- How many **pieces** are used in chess?
- Is there a **time limit** for a chess move?
- How many **dice** are needed to play Monopoly?
- How do you beat your **opponents** in Monopoly?
- Does a Scrabble player **score more points** using the letter A or the letter X (when they play in English)? Why?
- Do Scrabble players **roll the dice** at the beginning or at the end of the game?

4. Watch the first part of a [video](https://youtu.be/RJsX4XLzdxo) [https://youtu.be/RJsX4XLzdxo] (to 00:40) and say where the speaker is.

5. Discuss the questions.

- What do you think about the idea of a board game library?
- Would you borrow a game from the library? Why/Why not?
- Would the library be popular where you live? Why/Why not?

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6. Watch the second part of the [video](#) (from 0:40) and note down at least one piece of information you hear about each of the board games.

a) Monopoly

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b) Clue

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c) Scotland Yard

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d) Catan

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e) Codenames

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### ***Eurogame:***

a board game in which players score points in various ways; players are never eliminated from a Eurogame

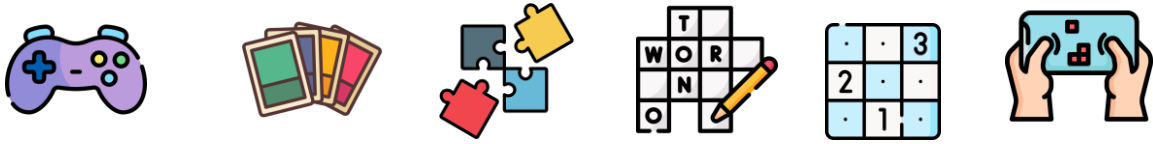
7. Discuss the questions.

- Have you played any of the games from the video? How good are they? If you haven't played them, which one(s) would you like to try?
- Do you prefer strategy games or games in which you only need luck? Why?
- Do you enjoy playing cooperative games or do you prefer games in which you play against your opponents? Why?
- How important is winning a game for you?
- What other board games have you played (as a child or an adult)?
- Would you agree that board games are not only for kids? Why/Why not?
- Do you know anyone who collects board games? If so, do you sometimes play with them?
- Have you ever created or thought about creating your own game? What was it about?



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8. Read the sentences and find the types of the games in the pictures. Don't worry about the gaps for now.



- Sudoku and crosswords are ..... There is no time limit to do them so you don't need to hurry. And you can always ask someone for help.
- Video games are more ..... than board games. They are full of action and adventure and board games are only about rolling the dice and moving your piece.
- Most mobile games are really ..... You just move some pictures on the screen and score points. There is no fun in that.
- Card games like Uno or Poker are not very ..... You can't really learn much from playing them.
- Doing jigsaw puzzles is ..... They sometimes have thousands of pieces so you need hours to finish them.

9. Complete the sentences in ex. 8 with the words and the phrase in the box.

a waste of time      dull      educational      entertaining      relaxing

10. Look at the sentences in ex. 8. Choose one you agree with and one you don't agree with. Explain your choice.

11. Create a short presentation about a game you know. Use the questions below to guide you (you don't need to answer all of them).

- What kind of game is it (e.g. a board game, a video game, a card game)?
- How many people can play?
- Do you need pieces and dice?
- Can you score points? How?
- What is the goal of the game? / What do you need to do to win the game?
- Is there a time limit for a move?
- How long does one game last?
- Are there different difficulty levels?
- How good or bad is the game